

**ENTERED**

September 27, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

TERRANCE DAVIS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

WANDA ISBELL, VIRGINIA LOVELL,  
ADRIAN AMONETT and CMHC-UTMB,

Defendants.

§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Civil Case No. 4:22-CV-03042

**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO APPOINT COUNSEL**

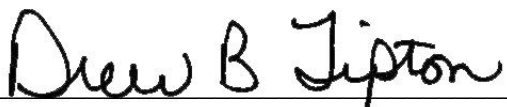
Terrance Davis, an inmate in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, filed a lawsuit alleging violations of his civil rights. Davis has also filed two motions for the appointment of counsel.

A civil rights plaintiff has no automatic right to the appointment of counsel. *See Hulsey v. State of Texas*, 929 F.2d 168, 172-73 (5th Cir. 1991) (citing *Freeze v. Griffith*, 849 F.2d 172, 175 (5th Cir. 1988); *Ulmer v. Chancellor*, 691 F.2d 209, 212 (5th Cir. 1982)). The appointment of counsel is not required unless a case presents exceptional circumstances. *See Hulsey*, 929 F.2d at 173 (citing *Ulmer*, 691 F.2d at 212-13).

Davis's motions state that Davis is an indigent inmate. These circumstances are common, not exceptional. Because Davis does not identify any exceptional circumstances, his motions for appointment of counsel (Dkt. Nos. 4 and 18) are **DENIED**. The Court will appoint counsel on its own motion at a later date if it determines that such appointment is appropriate.

It is SO ORDERED.

Signed on September 26, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DREW B. TIPTON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE